THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) No Sir. Special Central Assistance (SCA) under Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) is allocated to Designated Hill Areas and no area of Andhra Pradesh is covered under HADP.

Non-Implementation of Central Development Projects in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

2000. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests for an enquiry into the reasons for non-implementation of Central Developmental Projects in Tamil Nadu have been received.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar projects are not being implemented in Andhra Pradesh also;

(d) whether Government propose to take action to ensure timely implementation of these projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No Sir. No reqeust for an enquiry into the reasons for non-implementation of central projects in Tamil Nadu has been received in the Department of Programme Implementation.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As on 31.12.1996, excluding multi-state projects passing through the State, there were 16 central sector developmental projects under implementation in Tamil Nadu with total anticipated cost of Rs. 6424.9 crores and 36 developmental projects under implementation in Andhra Pradesh with total anticipated cost of Rs. 5381.2 crore.

(d) and (e) Measures are taken from time to time for reducing time and cost overruns. A list of such measures is at Statement.

Statement

Steps taken by the Government to streamline for preparing the original Estimates and Implementation of Projects for Reducing Overrun.

(i) Two-stage project approval.

(ii) On. line computerised monitoring system is being implemented.

(iii) Intensive monitoring of projects at various levels to identify constraints and the remedial measures.

(iv) Formation of Empowered Committees with adequate financial powers.

(v) Review by the Committee of Secretaries of the specific projects facing constraints.

(vi) Setting up of projects management team with tenure co-terminus with the gestation period of the project.

(vii) Improving contract management system.

(viii) Delegation of powers to field level executives.

Scs/Sts below the Poverty Line in Gujarat

2001. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the estimated population belonging to SCs and STs, living below the poverty line.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The National Sample Survey (NSS) data on consumer expenditure which is held quinquennially are used to estimate the incidence of poverty in the States. The latest estimate of incidence of statewise poverty among the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes population are available for the year 1983-84, based on the NSS consumer expenditure data of 38th Round. According to this, in Gujarat, 39.9 per cent of SC population and 52.1 per cent of ST population in rural areas and 19.3 per cent of SC population and 56.6 per cent of ST population in urban areas were living below the poverty line in 1983-84.

(c) A number of programmes are being implemented in all the states including Gujarat in order to improve the level of living of the poor households of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. These include programme for raising income and generating employment such as Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Nehru Rozgar Yojana etc. Benefits of SCs/STs are specifically earmarked in these programmes. In addition, Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Tribal Sub-Plan are being implemented which aim at providing a package of benefits for SC and ST families so as to enable them to meet their specific needs, raise their income and level of living.

Draft Proposal for implementation of the Ninth Five Year Plan

2002. SHRI LACHHMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any draft proposal for implementation of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the formulation and implementation of the programme of elimination of unemployment and poverty in the country; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The exercise for preparation of the Ninth Five Year Plan are currently underway in the Planning Commission. The Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan (1997—2002) approved unanimously by the National Development Council in its meeting held on 16.01.1997 will serve as the basic document for the preparation of the Ninth Five Year Plan proposals. The objectives of the Ninth Plan are as follows:

(i) Priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty;

(ii) Accelerating the growth rate of the economy with stable prices;

(iii) Ensuring food and nutritional security for all, particularly the vulnerable sections of society;

(iv) Providing the Basic Minimum Services of safe drinking water, primary health care facilities, universal primary education, shelter, and connectivity to all in a time bound manner;

(v) Containing the growth rate of population;

(vi) Ensuring environmental sustainability of the development process through social mobilisation and